

### April 1995 Pig Population Survey

#### Slight drop in numbers in the EU and gradual decrease in pigmeat production

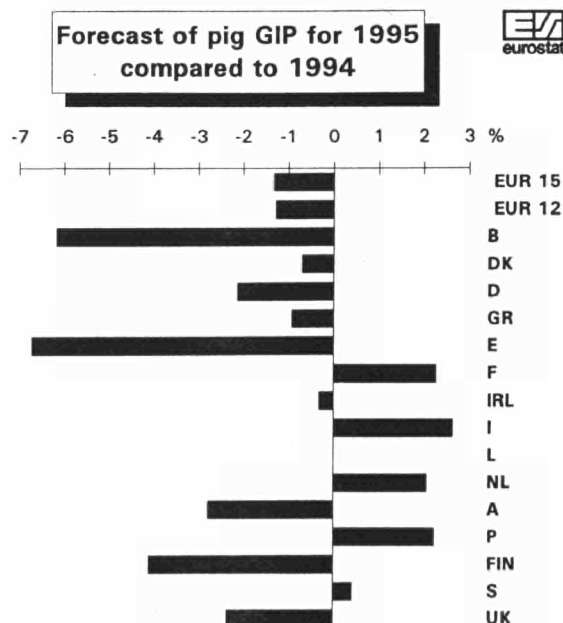
At European Union level, the results of the survey on pig numbers carried out in April 1995 show a slight drop (-0.7%) compared with the April 1994 survey. The most marked reductions were in Germany and Spain, while numbers rose sharply in France. This gradual reduction in the population, which began a year ago, is combined with a reduction in the number of pigs placed on the market. The drop, which is estimated at 1.3% between 1994 and 1995, is expected to continue at least until the first quarter of 1996. However, the EU continues to have an abundant supply and the market balance is largely reliant on exports to third countries.

The gradual reduction in the pig population of the European Union is continuing. The decline is apparent in both breeding and fattening stock.

#### 116.8 million pigs in the EU of Fifteen

According to the survey on pig numbers carried out in April 1995, compared with April 1994 the number of sows fell by 1.5% and the number of fattening pigs of 50 kg and over declined by 0.6%. The most marked drop (-6.8%) affected the category of pigs over 110 kg. In several countries this drop in heavy pigs was very important. By contrast the number of piglets and young pigs is slightly increasing.

The total population of the European Union of Twelve in the April count fell below the 110 million marker to the level of April 1993. The pig population of the Union of Fifteen amounts to 116.8 million head.



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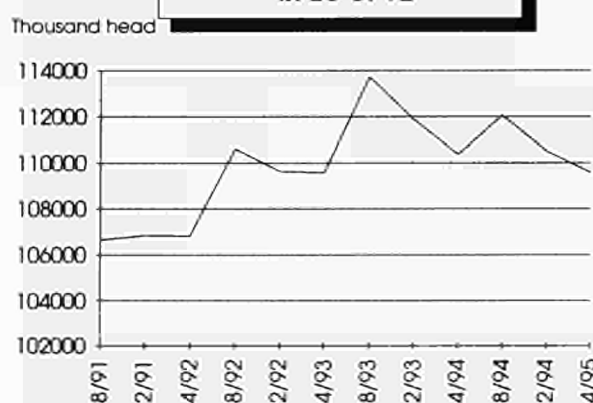
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A closer look shows that the generally downward trend is explained primarily by the situations in the two countries which have the largest pig population in the Union, namely Germany and Spain. Together they account for 36% of the EU's livestock in pigs. The total number of pigs in these countries fell by over 3% and that of sows by over 4%. A reduction in global stock was also recorded in Belgium, in Italy and in the United Kingdom. (respectively 2.3, 1.6 and 2.2%)

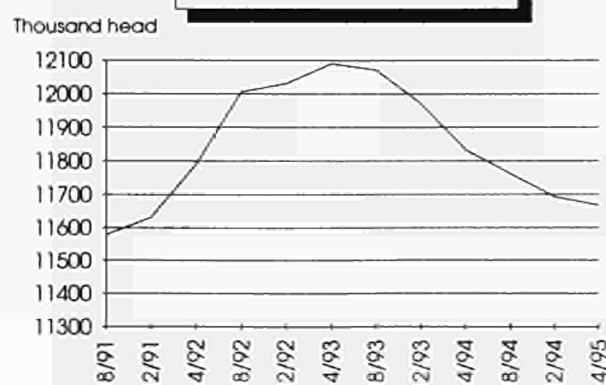
By contrast, in Denmark, the Netherlands, Ireland and above all France, populations continued to grow. France has growth rates of almost 5%, for both the number of sows and the number of piglets and young pigs of 20 to 50 kg.



**Evolution of pig population in EU of 12**



**Evolution of sow numbers in EU of 12**



## PIG POPULATION

1000 HEAD

	EUR 15	EUR 12	B	DK	D
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<b>1 TOTAL</b>					
4/92	-	106823	6729	10137	26160
4/93	-	109567	6887	10435	26335
4/94	-	110367	7115	10429	25436
4/95	116787*	109543*	6951*	10726*	24598*
% 4.95/4.94	-	-0.7*	-2.3*	2.8*	-3.3*

<b>1.1 PIGLETS (&lt;20 KG)</b>					
4/92	-	30633	1903	3239	7349
4/93	-	31272	1835	3321	7439
4/94	-	31388	2007	3289	6854
4/95	-	31678*	2006*	3443*	6783*
% 4.95/4.94	-	0.9*	0.0*	4.7*	-1.0*

<b>1.2 YOUNG PIGS (20-50 KG)</b>					
4/92	-	26755	1565	3056	6535
4/93	-	28190	1691	3198	6506
4/94	-	28174	1773	3152	6375
4/95	-	27486*	1663*	3217*	6282*
% 4.95/4.94	-	-2.4*	-6.2*	2.1*	-1.5*

<b>1.3 PIGS FOR FATTENING (&gt;50 KG)</b>					
4/92	-	37158	2519	2669	9233
4/93	-	37537	2584	2748	9304
4/94	-	38511	2572	2842	9361
4/95	39878*	38283*	2531*	2887*	8906*
% 4.95/4.94	-	-0.6*	-1.6*	1.6*	-5.9*

<b>1.3.1 - PIGS FOR FATTENING (50-80 KG)</b>					
4/92	-	21828	1497	2126	5356
4/93	-	21633	1550	2188	5365
4/94	-	21982	1486	2264	5277
4/95	22986*	22039*	1429*	2302*	4913*
% 4.95/4.94	-	0.3*	-3.8*	1.7*	-6.9*

<b>1.3.2 - PIGS FOR FATTENING (80-110 KG)</b>					
4/92	-	12917	972	532	3654
4/93	-	13425	1012	547	3696
4/94	-	13812	1047	566	3770
4/95	14303*	13712*	1049*	575*	3807*
% 4.95/4.94	-	-0.7*	0.3*	1.6*	-4.3*

<b>1.3.3 - PIGS FOR FATTENING (&gt;110 KG)</b>					
4/92	-	2413	50	11	223
4/93	-	2479	23	13	244
4/94	-	2717	40	12	314
4/95	2588*	2532*	52*	10*	286*
% 4.95/4.94	-	-5.8*	31.4*	-16.7*	-8.9*

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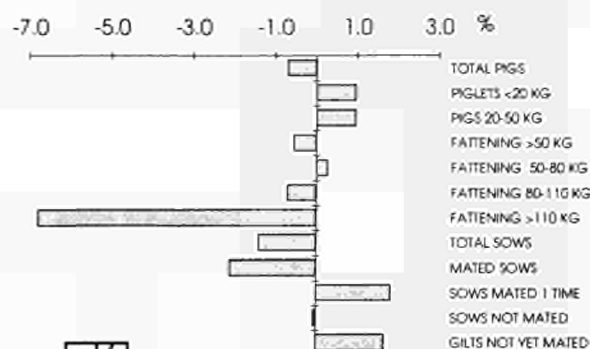
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GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	
INSGESAMT											TOTAL	1
983	17444	12451	1379	7975	63	13624	-	2479	-	-	7398	4/92
1092	18204	13266	1504	7744	67	13851	3742	2611	-	-	7570	4/93
1096	18368	14403	1526	7934	68	13809	3680	2621	-	-	7563	4/94
1089 !	17711 *	14979 *	1554 *	7809 *	67 !	14061 *	3684	2603 !	1231 *	2328 ²	7395 *	4/95
-0.6 !	-3.6 *	4.0 *	1.9 *	-1.6 *	-0.5 !	1.8 *	0.1	-0.7 !	-	-	-2.2 *	% 4.95/4.94
FERKEL (<20 KG)											PORCELETS (<20 KG)	1.1
346	4936	3108	383	1554	23	5011	-	708	-	-	2073	4/92
353	4885	3286	410	1510	25	5371	1165	752	-	-	2086	4/93
358	5500	3530	441	1528	25	5155	1076	762	-	-	1940	4/94
361 !	5499 *	3706 *	428 *	1520 *	26 !	5265 *	1094 *	769 !	450 *	-	1871 *	4/95
0.9 !	0.0 *	5.0 *	-2.8 *	-0.5 *	0.9 !	2.1 *	1.6	0.9 !	-	-	-3.6 *	% 4.95/4.94
JUNGSCHEINE (20-50 KG)											JEUNES PORCS (20-50 KG)	1.2
243	4310	3494	412	1826	11	2652	-	613	-	-	2038	4/92
280	5087	3710	459	1727	13	2699	960	675	-	-	2145	4/93
274	4816	4051	456	1787	12	2625	986	660	-	-	2193	4/94
267 !	4070 *	4274 *	482 *	1780 *	12 !	2658 *	954	644 !	256 *	-	2137 *	4/95
-2.4 !	-15.5 *	5.5 *	5.8 *	-0.4 *	-2.4 !	1.2 *	-3.3	-2.4 !	-	-	-2.6 *	% 4.95/4.94
MASTSCHEINE (>50 KG)											PORCS A L'ENGRAIS (>50 KG)	1.3
243	6085	4556	413	3857	18	4432	-	769	-	-	2364	4/92
294	5952	4907	454	3779	20	4309	1213	798	-	-	2388	4/93
301	5820	5395	452	3917	20	4512	1231	817	-	-	2502	4/94
300 !	6064 *	5500 *	469 *	3790 *	20 !	4643 *	1234	814 !	360 *	-	2459 *	4/95
-0.3 !	4.2 *	1.9 *	3.8 *	-3.2 *	-0.3 !	2.9 *	0.3	-0.3 !	-	-	-1.7 *	% 4.95/4.94
- MASTSCHEINE (50-80 KG)											- PORCS A L'ENGRAIS (50-80 KG)	1.3.1
161	3768	2523	315	1380	11	2460	-	555	-	-	1677	4/92
183	3297	2584	342	1330	12	2550	719	563	-	-	1669	4/93
187	3415	2849	333	1291	12	2538	724	576	-	-	1754	4/94
188 !	3773 *	2915 *	350 *	1290 *	12 !	2603 *	713	577 !	234 *	-	1687 *	4/95
0.3 !	10.5 *	2.3 *	5.1 *	-0.1 *	0.3 !	2.6 *	-1.5	0.3 !	-	-	-3.8 *	% 4.95/4.94
- MASTSCHEINE (80-110 KG)											- PORCS A L'ENGRAIS (80-110 KG)	1.3.2
78	2054	1842	90	1096	7	1777	-	188	-	-	627	4/92
102	2324	2098	98	1077	7	1608	455	198	-	-	659	4/93
105	2168	2281	108	1074	8	1795	467	204	-	-	686	4/94
104 !	2167 *	2321 *	114 *	980 *	7 !	1863 *	478	202 !	113 *	-	723 *	4/95
-0.7 !	0.0 *	1.7 *	4.9 *	-8.8 *	-0.7 !	3.8 *	2.4	-0.7 !	-	-	5.4 *	% 4.95/4.94
- MASTSCHEINE (>110 KG)											- PORCS A L'ENGRAIS (>110 KG)	1.3.3
4	263	191	8	1381	1	195	-	26	-	-	60	4/92
9	331	225	14	1372	1	151	39	37	-	-	60	4/93
9	237	265	11	1551	1	179	40	37	-	-	62	4/94
8 !	124 *	265 *	6 *	1520 *	1 !	177 *	43	34 !	13 *	-	49 *	4/95
-6.8 !	-47.8 *	0.2 *	-45.7 *	-2.0 *	-6.8 !	-0.9 *	6.8	-6.8 !	-	-	-21.0 *	% 4.95/4.94

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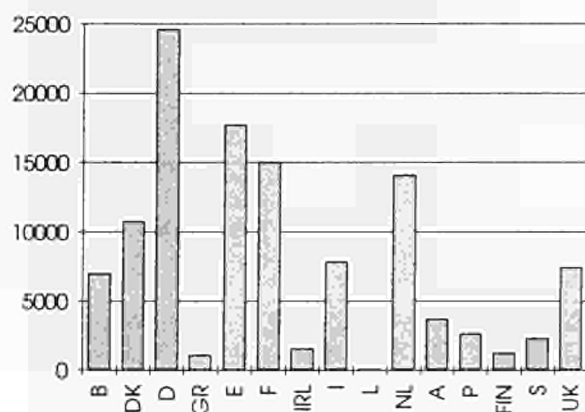
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## Pig population in april 1995

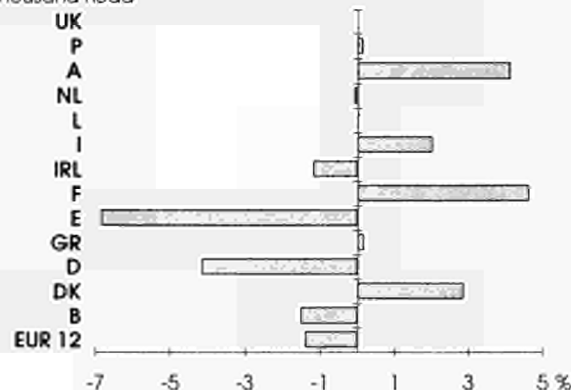
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## Evolution of sow numbers from april 1994 to april 1995

Thousand head



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## PIG POPULATION

1000 HEAD

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### 1.4 BREEDINGS PIGS >= 50kg

4/92	-	12276	743	1173	3042
4/93	-	12568	777	1168	3086
4/94	-	12294	763	1146	2846
4/95	12912*	12095*	751*	1179*	2728*
% 4.95/4.94	-	-1.6*	-1.5*	2.9*	-4.2*

### 1.4.1 - BOARS

4/92	-	485	14	38	99
4/93	-	478	18	37	96
4/94	-	462	18	35	86
4/95	465*	436*	17*	36*	82*
% 4.95/4.94	-	-5.5*	-2.4*	2.9*	-4.4*

### 1.4.2 - BREEDING SOWS

4/92	-	11791	729	1135	2943
4/93	-	12090	759	1131	2991
4/94	-	11832	745	1111	2761
4/95	12206*	11659*	734*	1143*	2646*
% 4.95/4.94	-	-1.5*	-1.5*	2.9*	-4.2*

### 1.4.2.1 - MATED SOWS

4/92	-	7875	514	730	1950
4/93	-	8160	537	733	1969
4/94	-	8006	541	724	1845
4/95	8200*	7838*	536*	751*	1772*
% 4.95/4.94	-	-2.1*	-0.9*	3.7*	-4.0*

### 1.4.2.1.1 - OF WHICH: SOWS MATED FOR THE FIRST TIME

4/92	-	1571	111	171	432
4/93	-	1595	117	161	434
4/94	-	1456	113	147	385
4/95	1553*	1482*	114*	156*	381*
% 4.95/4.94	-	1.8*	1.0*	6.1*	-1.1*

### 1.4.2.2 - BREEDING SOWS NOT MATED

4/92	-	3916	215	405	993
4/93	-	3930	222	398	1022
4/94	-	3826	204	387	915
4/95	4006*	3821*	198*	382*	874*
% 4.95/4.94	-	-0.1*	-3.2*	1.3*	-4.5*

### 1.4.2.2.1 - OF WHICH: BREEDING GILTS NOT YET MATED

4/92	-	1276	96	156	333
4/93	-	1254	100	152	342
4/94	-	1218	83	157	295
4/95	1307*	1236*	79*	154*	272*
% 4.95/4.94	-	1.5*	-4.6*	-1.9*	-7.6*

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# EFFECTIFS PORCINS

1000 STUECK

1000 TETES

GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	
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ZUCHTSCHWEINE >= 50kg

REPRODUCTEURS >= 50 kg

1.4

151	2113	1293	172	738	10	1529	-	389	-	-	923	4/92
165	2281	1363	181	728	10	1472	404	386	-	-	951	4/93
163	2231	1427	178	703	10	1517	387	382	-	-	928	4/94
160 I	2077 *	1498 *	175 *	719 *	10 I	1495 *	403	375 I	165 *	249 2	928 *	4/95
-1.6 I	-6.9 *	5.0 *	-1.6 *	2.3 *	-1.8 I	-1.5 *	4.0	-1.7 I	-	-	0.0 *	% 4.95/4.94

- ZUCHTEBER

- VERRATS

1.4.1

11	106	55	7	41	1	38	-	29	-	-	46	4/92
12	109	53	6	41	1	30	15	28	-	-	47	4/93
12	92	52	6	36	1	50	14	29	5	-	46	4/94
12 I	84 *	59 *	5 *	39 *	1 I	29 *	14	27 I	6 *	8 2	46 *	4/95
-5.5 I	-8.3 *	13.1 *	-12.1 *	7.7 *	-5.5 I	-42.2 *	0.9	-5.5 I	29.2	-	0.0 *	% 4.95/4.94

- ZUCHTSAUEN

- TRUIES D'ELEVAGE

1.4.2

140	2007	1238	165	697	9	1491	-	360	-	-	877	4/92
153	2172	1310	175	687	9	1442	389	358	-	-	904	4/93
151	2140	1375	172	667	9	1467	373	353	-	-	882	4/94
149 I	1993 *	1439 *	170 *	680 *	9 I	1466 *	388	348 I	159 *	-	882 *	4/95
-1.3 I	-6.8 *	4.6 *	-1.2 *	2.0 *	-1.5 I	-0.1 *	4.1	-1.4 I	-	-	0.0 *	% 4.95/4.94

- GEDECKTE SAUEN

- TRUIES SAILLIES

1.4.2.1

80	1285	844	120	548	7	968	-	228	-	-	601 *	4/92
92	1434	884	126	545	6	987	243	225	-	-	621	4/93
91	1384	940	126	531	6	987	236	222	-	-	607	4/94
89 I	1278 *	970 *	122 *	550 *	6 I	941 *	249 *	218 I	113 *	-	605 *	4/95
-2.1 I	-7.7 *	3.2 *	-3.9 *	3.6 *	-2.1 I	-4.7 *	5.6	-2.1 I	-	-	-0.3 *	% 4.95/4.94

- DARUNTER: ZUM ERSTEN MAL GEDECKTE SAUEN

- DONT: TRUIES SAILLIES POUR LA PREMIERE FOIS

1.4.2.1.1

23	215	166	24	75	2	180	-	62	-	-	110	4/92
21	231	170	25	75	1	186	49	60	-	-	113	4/93
19	192	180	23	68	1	176	44	55	-	-	98	4/94
20 I	194 *	186 *	23 *	82 *	1 I	173 *	46	56 I	25 *	-	97 *	4/95
1.8 I	1.4 *	3.1 *	0.5 *	20.9 *	1.8 I	-1.9 *	5.2	1.8 I	-	-	-1.0 *	% 4.95/4.94

- NICHT GEDECKTE ZUCHTSAUEN

- TRUIES NON SAILLIES

1.4.2.2

60	722	394	45	150	3	523	-	132	-	-	276	4/92
61	737	426	49	142	3	455	146	133	-	-	283	4/93
60	756	435	45	136	3	480	137	131	-	-	275	4/94
60 I	715 *	469 *	48 *	130 *	3 I	525 *	139	131 I	45 *	-	277 *	4/95
-0.1 I	-5.3 *	7.8 *	6.3 *	-4.1 *	-0.1 I	9.4 *	1.7	-0.1 I	-	-	0.7 *	% 4.95/4.94

- DARUNTER: NOCH NICHT GEDECKTE JUNGS AUEN

- DONT: JEUNE TRUIES NON SAILLIES

1.4.2.2.1

11	154	124	14	53	1	192	-	42	-	-	100	4/92
10	171	131	14	48	1	140	37	40	-	-	106	4/93
10	167	133	13	46	1	172	31	40	-	-	101	4/94
10 I	174 *	147 *	17 *	48 *	1 I	188 *	46	41 I	25 *	-	106 *	4/95
1.5 I	4.2 *	10.4 *	30.4 *	4.1 *	1.5 I	9.0 *	49.4	1.5 I	-	-	5.0 *	% 4.95/4.94

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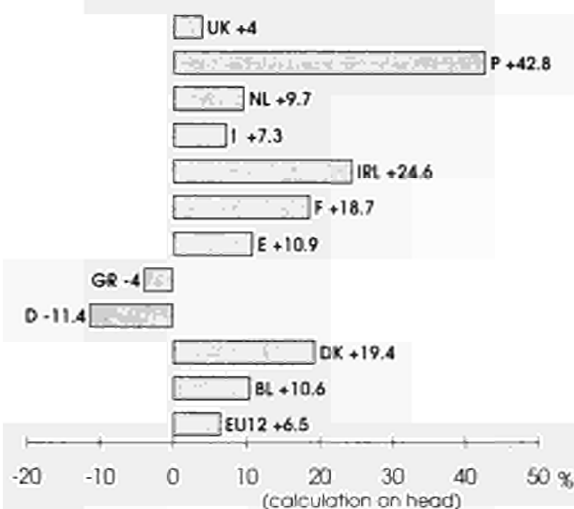
The fall in gross domestic production which began in the second half of 1994 is expected to continue until the end of the year and through into the first quarter of 1996 at least. At EU level, however, the drop in production (1.3% in 1995) remained moderate compared with the increase recorded between 1991 and 1994 (+6.5% in the Europe of Twelve). The level of self-sufficiency is expected to remain at around 105% in 1995.

The biggest decrease is expected in Spain (-6.7%). There is also a significant decline in Belgium (-6.2%), although this is only short-term, since production is expected to rise considerably at the start of next year. Germany, which, following the restructuring of herds in the new Länder, has recorded a drop in production of over 11% since 1990, is expecting a further reduction of 2.1% in 1995, followed, however, by a levelling-off in the first quarter of 1996.

Denmark, Austria, Finland and the United Kingdom are counting on a drop in production in 1995, then the trend is expected to rise again. In the Netherlands and Sweden a fall is expected as from the last quarter of 1995.

Alongside these reductions, Italy, Portugal, and France, which account for about a quarter of the contribution of the pig sector to the EU's GDP, are forecasting further increases in number of pigs on the market in 1995.

Evolution of GDP in %  
from 1990 to 1994



## GROSS INDIGENOUS PRODUCTION OF PIGS

1000 HEAD					
	EUR 15	EUR 12	B	DK	D

YEAR					
1992	-	170930	9264	18443	40017
1993	-	180834	10582	19997	41001
1994	191427	180229	9945	20644	39404
1995	188880 *	177902 *	9332 *	20499 *	38565 *
%95/94	-1.3 *	-1.3 *	-6.2 *	-0.7 *	-2.1 *

12 MONTHS (1.4 TO 31.3)					
1993/94	192587	181493	10400	20254	40858
1994/95	190898 *	179802 *	9826	20692 *	38976 *
1995/96	188561 *	177573 *	9454 *	20540 *	38650 *
%94/93	-0.9 *	-0.9 *	-5.5 *	2.2 *	-4.6 *
%95/94	-1.2 *	-1.2 *	-3.8 *	-0.7 *	-0.8 *

APRIL/MAY/JUNE					
1993	45636	42881	2646	4230	10275
1994	46377	43622	2410	4969	9747
1995	45531 *	42842 *	2268 *	4789 *	9550 *
%95/94	-1.8 *	-1.8 *	-5.9 *	-3.6 *	-2.0 *

JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER					
1993	47083	44373	2624	5436	10002
1994	45860	43140	2450	5264	9253
1995	46100 *	43382 *	2327 *	5236 *	9300 *
%95/94	0.5 *	0.6 *	-5.0 *	-0.5 *	0.5 *

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER					
1993	51585	48725	2692	5502	10438
1994	50860 *	47952 *	2647	5325	10281
1995	49449 *	46591 *	2418 *	5340 *	10000 *
%95/94	-2.8 *	-2.8 *	-8.7 *	0.3 *	-2.5 *

JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH					
1994	48282	45514	2438	5086	10143
1995	47800 *	45087 *	2319	5134 *	9715 *
1996	47481 *	44758 *	2441 *	5175 *	9800 *
%96/95	-0.7 *	-0.7 *	5.3 *	0.8 *	0.9 *

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## BRUTTOEIGENERZEUGUNG VON SCHWEINEN

## PRODUCTION INDIGENE BRUTE DE PORCS

1000 STUECK

1000 TETES

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ANNEE

2399	23900	21456	2745	10404	0	95	23918	5165	3449	2312	-	14840	1992
2322	25918	23711	3071	10589		108	24681	5293	4023	2235	-	14831	1993
2268	26313	24422	2930	11088		100	23621	5268	4168	2172	3758	15326	1994
2247*	24546*	24975*	2921*	11382	*	100*	24110*	5121*	4261*	2083*	3774*	14965*	1995
-0.9*	-6.7*	2.3*	-0.3*	2.7*		0.0*	2.1*	-2.8*	2.2*	-4.1*	0.4*	-2.4*	%95/94

12 MONATE (1.4 BIS 31.3)

12 MOIS (1.4 A 31.3)

2316	26096	24083	3054	10635		108	24604	5304	4113	2162.5	3627	14972	1993/94
2251*	26131*	24505*	2907*	11213	*	100*	23763*	5196	4207*	2119*	3781*	15231*	1994/95
2261*	24102*	25151*	2919*	11382	!	100*	23820*	5140*	4218*	2091*	3757*	14976*	1995/96
-2.8*	0.1*	1.8*	-4.8*	5.4*		-7.4*	-3.4*	-2.0*	2.3*	-2.0*	4.2*	1.7*	%94/93
0.5*	-7.8*	2.6*	0.4*	1.5*		0.0*	0.2*	-1.1*	0.3*	-1.3*	-0.6*	-1.7*	%95/94

APRIL/MAI/JUNI

AVRIL/MAI/JUIN

469	6032	5689	753	2391		26	5904	1318	950	533	904	3516	1993
454	6294	5846	703	2603		26	5823	1308	1036	518	929	3711	1994
448*	5893*	5939*	724*	2700*		26*	5820*	1250*	1087*	495*	944*	3598*	1995
-1.4*	-6.4*	1.6*	3.0*	3.7*		0.0*	-0.1*	-4.4*	4.9*	-4.4*	1.6*	-3.0*	%95/94

JUL/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

JUILLET/AOUT/SEPTEMBRE

517	5893	6015	798	2057		26	6203	1272	1086	556.2	882	3716	1993
497	5902	6111	752	2228		26	5787	1279	1042	518	923	3828	1994
503*	5554*	6300*	779*	2300*		26*	6200*	1260*	1100*	526*	932*	3757*	1995
1.1*	-5.9*	3.1*	3.6*	3.2		0.0*	7.1*	-1.5*	5.6*	1.6*	1.0*	-1.9*	%95/94

OKTOBER/NOVEMBER/DEZEMBER

OCTOBRE/NOVEMBRE/DECEMBRE

773	7443	6180	778	3312		28	6549	1331	1087	550.9	978	3943	1993
759	7389	6266*	750	3382*		20	6063	1298	1100	567*	1043	3990	1994
755*	6553*	6454*	716*	3382	!	20*	6000*	1300*	1045*	546*	1012*	3908*	1995
-0.5*	-11.3*	3.0*	-4.5*	0.0*		0.0*	-1.0*	0.2*	-5.0*	-3.7*	-3.0*	-2.1*	%95/94

JANUAR/FEBRUAR/MÄRZ

JANVIER/FEVRIER/MARS

557	6728	6199	725	2875		28	5948	1383	990	523	863	3797	1994
540*	6546*	6282*	702*	3000*		28*	6090*	1311	1029*	516	886*	3702*	1995
555*	6102*	6458*	700*	3000	!	28*	5800*	1330*	986*	524	869*	3713*	1996
2.7*	-6.8*	2.8*	-0.3*	0.0*		0.0*	-4.8*	1.4*	-4.2*	1.6	-1.9*	0.3*	%96/95

\* VORLÄUFIGE ODER GESCHÄTZTE DATEN  
 - : NICHT VERFÜGBAR  
 ! EUROSTAT SCHÄTZUNG

\* DONNEE PROVISoire OU ESTIMEE  
 - : NON DISPONIBLE  
 ! ESTIMATION EUROSTAT



In the second quarter of 1994, the market value of pigs in the EU rose appreciably to a generally satisfactory level for producers.

#### Improved economic viability and good performance in exports

In May 1994, the economic viability of the sector began to improve, as can be seen from the rise in the index comparing the price of pigs with the cost of the feedingstuffs needed to produce them. In 1993, average economic viability, measured using this index, was ECU 85, whereas in May 1994 it rose above the ECU 95 mark.

As regards external trade, pigmeat exports performed well in 1994, rising to the record level

of 973 500 tonnes. Compared with 1993, there was a 33% rise. At the same time, imports fell by 5%. This high level of export activity made it possible to cope with the abundance of supplies in the Community.

#### Upturn in pig prices

In the first half of 1995, the market value of pigs increased again following a reduction in supply in the European Union. Faced with a continuing crisis in the pig sector since 1993, many breeders reduced their breeding herds at the end of 1994. To support the upward trend in the market value, the Commission decided in February 1995 to start assisting the private storage of pig carcasses. The meat temporarily withdrawn from the market remained in refrigerated warehouses for a period of three months. Removal from storage began in May and will end in mid-July. Some 70 000 tonnes of pigmeat were involved in this measure.

RETROSPECTIVE

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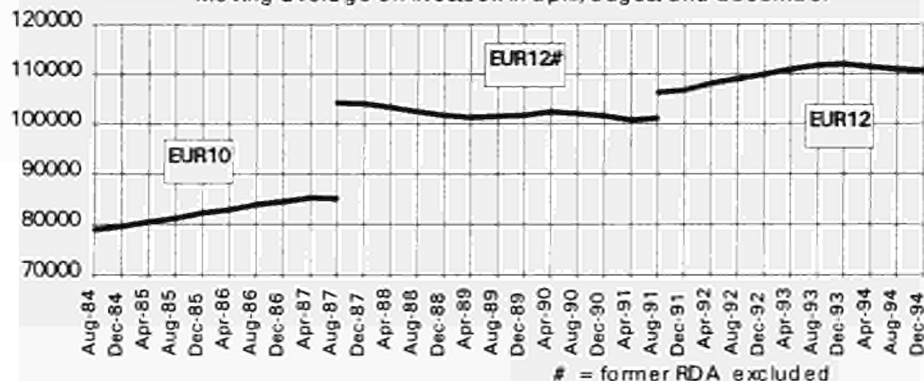
RETROSP



1000 têtes

#### Pig population in EU over 10 years

Moving average on livestock in april, august and december



As regards health, the situation remains precarious in Germany, where there are still cases of classical swine fever in some Länder, such as Lower Saxony. In December 1994, the Commission introduced exceptional market support measures in this region, which are still in place.